

"Doe Run Hotel" (Old Water Power Mill)  
Near Brandenburg, Meade County, Kentucky

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District No. 20

Historic American Buildings Survey  
G. M. Grimes, District Officer  
304 Martin Brown Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

Name of structure: Doe Run Hotel (Old Water Power Mill)

Location: Near Brandenburg, Meade County, Kentucky,  
on U. S. No. 60.

Owner or  
custodian: Coleman & Smith

Address: Brandenburg, Kentucky

Date built: 1784  
(approx)

Architect  
or builder:

Present  
condition: Fair

Number of  
stories: Old part three stories with basemont.  
New part two stories with basement.

Material used  
in construction: Foundation: Native stone.  
Exterior walls: Native stone.  
Floors: Wood; heavy joists, beams, and  
columns construction.  
Roof: Frame construction, covered with  
metal.

Description:  
architectural  
and historical The site on which this old mill was built  
is said to have been a favorite hunting  
ground of Daniel and Squire Boone; and that  
Thomas Lincoln, father of President Lincoln,  
worked on this mill as a stone mason.

Quoting from a pamphlet published by the owners:  
"Before the formation of Meade County in 1823, Doe Run was a  
very busy place, as factories for the manufacture of woollen  
cloth were built by English workmen. Among these was Thomas  
Stevenson, who built the older part of the present hotel.  
Immense walnut logs were hewn and are seen in this building.  
The Alexanders built the newer additions several years later".

Again quoting the present owners: "It was operated  
a number of years for a flour mill, stone burrs brought up

the Mississippi River on keel boats, burrs came from France; later operated as a fertilizer factory and water-power saw-mill. Annual picnic held there on the Fourth of July for forty-five years.

This building was converted into a rustic hotel a few years ago and is now operated as such during the summer months.

Some of the old machinery, gear wheels with the original wood teeth, etc., were found in the basement by the District Office upon examination of the structure. These can be seen by referring to the photographs.

*G. M. Grimes*

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